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No Sixth Period Lunch This Year

by Sheri Bloom and Gail Gandal

This year the administration has decided to cancel the sixth-period lunch. This move was made for many reasons. One of the important causes for this change was to try to control the noise factor affecting classes being held during lunch periods. The classrooms in the vicinity of the cafeteria are disturbed by the noise. In order to alleviate this problem, the classes to be held during a lunch period are being scheduled as far away from the cafeteria as possible.

Another reason for abolishing sixth period was to cut down on students' "free time". In the past many students had been selective concerning their schedules. They scheduled classes that they might cut during a lunch period. Therefore, by having one less lunch period, some cutting of classes will be eliminated. There are now more classes offered earlier in the day. Consequently, the majority of students have classes first through seventh periods. Fewer classes are scheduled for the eighth period in order to help with the problem. This schedule change appeals to the seniors, in particular, because their schedules are now more compact.

The administration would also like to be able to supervise the lunch periods better. The elimination of sixth period lunch allows for closer supervision because the student body is less spread out over a period of time.

Furthermore, the accumulation of trash was greatest by sixth period. This problem can be cut down with better supervision. Principal C. A. Zimmerman believes that the students should have more "pride in the institution and pride in themselves."

The administration chose to abolish sixth-period lunch instead of fourth-period lunch to allow the cafeteria staff's day to end earlier. Also, many people have shown a dislike for eating late in the day. Mr. Zimmerman realizes that there will be some overcrowding, yet he hopes students will find better activities to participate in than congregating in the cafeteria after they have eaten. The responsibility of implementing alternative activities will be given to Student Council. The administration has tried to have equal numbers of students in each of the remaining lunch periods. There is adequate room in the cafeteria for 600 people, and last year's fifth-period lunch contained 700 people.

New Staff at Shaker

The 1980-1981 school year brings four new teachers and one new secretary to the high school. The teachers will be fulfilling positions in the science, foreign language, and alternative education departments. Miss Donna Berry, originally from Belville, Ohio, will be teaching Physics and Mrs. Patricia Cocking will be teaching Spanish. Ken Culek and James Sefcik will be working in the alternative education program.

The secretarial position of Mrs. Gladys Kubach, who has retired, will be filled by Miss Mary-Helen Ferko.

The Shakerite would like to welcome these teachers to Shaker, and also thank Mrs. Kubach for her 16 years of service to Shaker Heights High School.



The new 1980-1981 Student Council. Clockwise: Cindy Schaffer, Robert Cunningham, Jody Levine, Leslie Henshaw, and Allyson Lybarger. Story on page three.

Discipline Tightened With New Policies

by Wendy Weitzner

Among the many changes this year at Shaker, three new policies have been put into effect. The first, the 1-2-4 cut plan, is basically the same as the 1-3-7 cut plan with a few changes. The second new procedure deals with the drug abuse problem at the high school. The third plan pertains to new rules at the library.

The new absentee plan will operate as follows: at the first and second cut or unexcused absence, the teacher will notify the parent and then notify the Unit Principal that a parent has been contacted. If a third cut occurs in that same class, the teacher notifies the Unit Principal and a parent - student - Unit Principal conference will be held. Also, assistance from the PUSH-EXCEL and Center

staffs will be requested. At the fourth unexcused absence from the class, the student is dropped from the course, is given credit, and is assigned to a study hall. This policy tightens class attendance discipline. The previous policy, the 1-3-7 plan allowed the student seven unexcused absences before being dropped from the course.

The second policy concerns drug abuse. The reason for issuing this policy is "to help those who need help." The plan states that any student found in possession of or using any behavior-altering substance in school or on the grounds is to be arrested and taken to the Shaker Heights Police Station. Charges will be filed by the police and the school, and the parents will

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Editorial

Drug Policy Is a Constructive Step

Shaker Heights High School's recent actions to counter the drug problem promise great progress in reducing substance abuse among students. The concern and determination of the school administration are evident in the new policies and programs which have been established.

This year's new disciplinary policy toward drug offenders is a harsh one, but it will undoubtedly be effective. Students caught using or carrying drugs in school will be arrested and taken to the police station. Criminal charges will be filed in addition to normal school action - an automatic ten-day suspension and expulsion hearing. This tougher attitude is only part of the program; faculty members have attended and will attend seminars intended to help them recognize drug problems and deal with them. With the new deterrent measures and a staff alerted to and prepared to handle the situation, Shaker can expect much improvement in this area.

Recent studies have indicated that the use of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs is at an all-time high among teens across the nation. This trend is a threat to the well-being of an entire generation. It is reassuring to see that the Shaker school administration is taking decisive steps to check its advance.

Opinion

Social Area Needed

by Craig Beresford

The librarians have recently imposed yet another rule designed to prevent the library from being used by students as a social area. The librarians are quite right in their concern, for the library is not and should not be a place for socializing. The need for the librarians to impose such strict regulations to keep this from occurring points out a major problem in Shaker - the lack of a legitimate social area.

If there were a place in Shaker where students could go to socialize during their lunch and free periods, the library would not have a problem. As it is now, there is no such place. The Social Room is usually occupied by gym classes, and the cafeteria is often too loud and messy.

What is needed, therefore, is an area to which students can migrate during their free time. The establishment of such an area should be one of the goals of this year's Student Council. Without a suitable social area, the library will continue to require strict regulation to keep it from being used as a place for students to socialize during their free periods.

Your Letters

The Shakerite welcomes letters expressing all viewpoints. Letters should be as concise as possible and are subject to editing. All letters must include a signature and advisory group number. Submit letters to Mr. Randall in Room 100 or to any Shakerite editor.

Writers, Photographers, Artists

Any student interested in becoming a member of this year's Shakerite staff should attend an introductory meeting this week. Photographers and artists will meet at 3:35 Wednesday, September 3. Writers will meet at 3:35 Thursday, September 4. The Shakerite office is in Room 100.

Opinion

Running Like Clockwork?

by Bruce Urbon

"What time is it, Mr. Fox?"

The answer to this question is more than a childhood game when dealing with the clocks here at Shaker High. While several new clocks were installed during the last school year, many clocks throughout the building seem to always be out of sync with the rest. In some cases, it is like passing from one time zone into another just going from class to class. Things really become confusing when, after all the clocks seem to be working, we go on an adjusted schedule designed to baffle even the teachers. By that time, nobody cares what time it is anyway. According to Murphy law, if you think you are in time for a class, chances are that the clock you looked at is slow, and you are actually late.

New Policies Implemented

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be notified. A letter regarding an Intent to Suspend will be issued by the unit principal prior to the release of the student to the parents. A suspension hearing will also be held. A report of the substance abuse will be given to the unit principal by the Police Department. The school penalty will be a 10-day suspension from school with a recommendation of expulsion for the remainder of the current semester. Another hearing will be held to review the recommendation of expulsion. If the student is to return to school, a signed agreement must be made. The charges that are filed by the police will be pursued regardless of the school procedures. In order for the school to be aware of and help individuals with drug problems, a number of staff members will be sent to workshops.

The third policy deals with library use during the eighth period. Students planning to use the library at this time must obtain a pass. Passes are

available in the library during the school day. Passes must be obtained before the beginning of eighth period. No student will be admitted without a pass.

Robert Mohney Named Juniors' Unit Principal

Social Studies teacher Robert Mohney is assuming new duties this fall, as he becomes a unit principal. Mr. Mohney will replace Linda Sogg, which gives him direct responsibility for the class of 1982.

Mr. Mohney is not totally new to administrative work, for during his almost twenty years at Shaker, he spent six years, from 1969 to 1975, serving as a dean before returning to the classroom. He also served as unit principal for a semester while Dr. Hayes was ill.

Shaker is lucky to find such an experienced replacement for Mrs. Sogg, and The Shakerite wishes Mr. Mohney the best of luck.

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THE LADIES OF THE EIGHTIES

by Cheryl Morgan

Since the only Cheerleading squad was in great demand at Shaker Heights High School by both varsity and junior varsity sports teams last year, Cheerleader Advisor Margeret Bohles and Ex-Captain Julie Boylen formed a second one. Both outgoing groups are here and ready to start their exciting new 1980-81 season.

Three-year veteran Captain Carmella France incorporated with the usual cheerleading camp and substantial training an additional vigorous four hour daily schedule in the month of August.

Because of their successful training, the Cheerleaders were well rewarded with superior marks at the Smith Walbridge Cheerleading Camp in Marietta, Ohio. And that's not all - Over the summer they raised money from M & M sales to purchase alternate uniforms for variation.

Along with these changes is a fruitful addition. This new addition is a Junior Varsity squad, the Reserves. These five girls, range from sophomores to seniors and practice along with their sister group as one.

When asked about this present unity but subsequent division, one cheerleader boldly spoke out against an injustice which all agreed upon. Her point was that practicing as one made everybody nearly equal in performance. Then, when the big season begins, although equal, the varsity claim the fame and the reserves claim their corners. In order to prevent more commotion, next year the Varsity squad will consist only of seniors and juniors, leaving the reserves for sophomores.

The varsity team consists of: Carmella France (captain), Traci Hixson, Laura Cooper, Kyra Snipes, Sally Biek, Lisa Godbold and Pam White. The reserves are: Heather Adam (captain), Michelle Tate, Teresa Miller, Wendy Gordon and Allison Rosenfeld.

These girls intend to decorate the hallways before big games, hoping to arouse Shaker's apathetic spirits. "We can't do it alone," Carmella states, "We can only do so much." The Cheerleaders also intend to have a better relationship with the ever-powerful Band.

Another change is that of using the well known cheers at pep rallys and leaving the new cheers for games. "Most times last year the pep-rally crowds were not responsive because they didn't know the cheers, so now we hope to fix that."

If wondering about seeing those death-defying high mounts of two or more people this year, you probably won't see any. The LEL forbids it. But of course, if the varsity should make an attempt and fail dangerously, the reserves would be more than willing to take over ... they are just as capable.

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The Reserves bottom left to right: Alison Rosenfeld, Wendy Gordon, Teresa Miller, Heather Adam, and Michelle Tate. The Varsity: Traci Hixson, Carmella France, Laura Cooper, Kyra Snipes, Sally Biek, Lisa Godbold, and Pam White.

New Student Council Plans Upcoming Year

by Michelle VanValkenburg

The Student Council officers have been working diligently the past few weeks to get Shaker off to a great start. President Jody Levine, Vice-President Leslie Henshaw and other council members Robert Cunningham, treasurer; Allyson Lybarger, recording secretary; and Cindy Schaffer, corresponding secretary, will meet eighth period as often as they feel is necessary under the direction of Mark Hoskins. Hoskins is replacing Dennis Hogue as the new advisor. Leslie said that the Student Council hopes to continue traditional events and fund-raisers and also to begin

new, exciting traditions. They will try to avoid the tedious aspects of fund-raising and make it enjoyable as well as profitable. Working as a team, they feel this will be possible. According to Leslie, "This year's Student Council hopes to establish a close relationship with each other, students, and faculty." The council works with student council representatives from each advisory group. This helps to keep communication open between students and the council. The co-operation of the student body will help to make this year's Student Council successful.

American Field Service Recruits

AFS, which moves over 7000 people yearly by bus, plane, car and train, has moved exchange student Kate Rivat, 17, of Grenoble, France to the home of Cathy Arnold on Colby Road.

Kate is the only AFS exchange student at Shaker Heights High School this year. Shaker will be receiving, however, three other

exchange students from the Rotary program.

The AFS club will be having a get-together party in September for those interested in joining. This is one of many activities planned by the AFS staff. If interested, contact Ellen Markey, Allison Kean, or Ann Sachs.

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Hogue Replaces Heinlen

by Eric Sigel

Dennis Hogue's first stint as varsity baseball manager has ended, although it is still too early to evaluate his success. Hogue, who inherited a tough task in replacing Fred Heinlen, will be under close scrutiny by the high-school baseball world as he tries to maintain the fine level of achievement that Heinlen has developed here at Shaker.

The Raiders finished their summer season with an 11-12-1 record, good for fourth place in the Elmer Flick League. The record, though, is not a true indication of success; the main purpose of summer baseball is to groom players to replace those lost to graduation and sharpen the skills of returning lettermen.

The team was led by Mike Weingarten, Sae Ghose and Darryl Wilson, who played for

the varsity team during the spring. Conspicuously missing was Jim Bartlett, who opted to play for Mill Rose of the Cleveland Connie Mack League.

Other standouts on the team were Chris Miloscia, who at one point had a 12-game hitting streak, Ted Leftridge, Darren Tweddell, Stuart Lieberman, Mark Viola, Joe Fuller, and sophomore David Peterjohn, who did an admirable job filling in for the vacationing Lieberman.

Hogue, whose main objective was "to build for the upcoming school year", experimented with many pitchers in an effort to uncover a few solid hurlers to join Bartlett, who will be the ace of the staff. Those who had the opportunity to pitch were Rob Harris, Greg Eggleston, Tweddell, Weingarten, Leftridge and Miloscia.

Raiders Have High Hopes

by Eric Sigel

This year will mark the first time that Head Coach Al Raymond has entered a season with a defending championship team. Will the Raiders be successful in their defense of the title? Although no one can be sure, Coach Raymond says that he's "very optimistic. This year Shaker is definitely going to play to win it." Shaker has already defeated John Hay in a scrimmage, but John Hay is no Cleveland Heights. Heights has an outstanding team, and as it looks right now, October 25 could be the biggest showdown of the year.

Coach Raymond seemed sincerely pleased with this season's squad saying, "We have had no problems with this team. It's been a pleasure to coach these hard-working young men." These athletes are dedicated; they've been practicing since the beginning of August, and this year's version of the Red Raiders has the drive to accomplish its highest goal.

The leader on the field is talented quarterback Kent Whitley. The passing game will be strong, an advantage not often found on a high school team. Whitley's primary targets this year will be the sure-handed receivers Jim Tate and Darryl Wilson. This combo should cause

a lot of excitement this season.

Not to be outdone, however, are running backs Rick Perry, Scott Whitley, James Poore and Al Sutton, and the ground game will be awesome if the offensive line can hold their own. The line, according to Raymond, is the big 'if' and will be the key to the offensive attack. At present Mike Weingarten and Don Stiggers anchor the line, but the rest of the front seems shaky. If it solidifies, then this year's offense will be something to watch.

Sports Shorts

Former Shaker track star Brad Giddings recently competed in the National Junior Olympics in California. Giddings placed fifth in the 400 meters with a time of 47.8, only .5 seconds slower than the winning time. A member of the Over the Hill Track Club, Brad also made it to the regional finals in the 200 meters. He will be attending Miami University of Ohio in the fall.

Although Shaker's volleyballers lost three of last year's starters, the '80 version of the team will be as strong as

ever. Coach Lucille Burkett feels extremely confident that the team will win the LEL and fully expects the team to advance to state's. The Raiderettes are led by seniors Captain Kathy Schwartzbaugh, Chris Hill, Sandy Lee, Mary Lynn Garda and juniors Kris Rosselli, Ann Reading and Laura Cubberly. Miss Burkett doesn't think that any sophomores will crack the line-up although she emphasized that she "thoroughly believes in team togetherness." Shaker's first match is Sept. 2, versus Kenston.

A True Olympic Hopeful

by Leslie Henshaw

The 1980 Shaker field hockey squad will be anchored by returning senior and Olympic hopeful Lelia True. The veteran center forward recently completed three weeks of intensive instruction in the United States' Olympic training program.

Earlier this summer, Lelia attended one of the country's "D" camps, the first, non-invitational level of training in a graduated series of four camp programs. Following her one week session at "D" camp, located in central Ohio, Lelia received a coach's recommendation which allowed her to

advance directly to a "C" camp in Michigan.

Late in Lelia's second week of camp, coaches from each "C" camp throughout the country began communication by telephone. The coaches discussed individual potential which they had witnessed at their camp during the week. Following this exchange of information, the coaches selected the top 120 players from "C" camps around the country, and invited them to continue on to one of the nation's two "B" camps.

Lelia was assigned to the "B" camp in Berkeley, California, where she was joined by 54 other players. She was one of only three high school players chosen to participate in this highly skilled level of play and instruction.

In the future, Lelia hopes to reach "A" camp, the fourth and final level of training, from which the United States' field hockey team is selected. Lelia feels that the 1984 Olympics are a realistic goal, and with her talent and determination she will go far.

In addition to the dominating force of Lelia True, this year's hockey team will include a strong line-up of returning starters. After placing second in the state tournament for two consecutive years, the team hopes to reach the top this season.

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